



# Transportation Permits Policy Memorandum

**To:** Region Managers, Permits Personnel,  
California Highway Patrol (CHP),  
Permit Service Companies, and Industry

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**Subject:** *Repetitive Permits*

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## Objectives

To allow repetitive permit loads to be described in general terms. To simplify the restrictions on repetitive permits.  
To make the policy conform to current practice.

## Existing Documentation

The following sources contain information related to this subject:

### ***California Vehicle Code (CVC), 1999***

#### **Division 1 – Words and Phrases Defined**

##### **Section 320.5 – Extralegal Load**

An "extralegal load" is a single unit or an assembled item which, due to its design, cannot be reasonably reduced or dismantled in size or weight so that it can be legally transported as a load without a permit as required by Section 35780.

### ***Transportation Permits Manual (TPM)***

#### **Chapter 2 – Type of Permits**

##### **Sections 203.1, 203.2, and 203.3**

These sections describe the various restrictions on repetitive permits.

#### **Chapter 9 – Definitions**

##### **917.5 Repetitive Permit**

A permit issued by the Department for an unlimited number of loads and/or vehicles moving between predetermined locations for a prescribed period of time (6 months maximum).

## Chapter 10 – General Information

### 1018.4 Repetitive Permits

Repetitive permits from Point A to Point B is established to allow one specific item (e.g., steel pipe, concrete pipe) to be moved over a specified route from the manufacturer (Point A) to the job site (Point B).

Repetitive permits from Point A to Point B to Point C is established to allow the construction industry to move one of up to three described items from their yard (Point A) to a construction site (Point B) to another construction site (Point C). The permits may be written from Point A to Point B to Point C and return to Point B or to Point A over a specified route. It is not the intent to allow the permittee ingress and egress from the route at any location desired.

### Transportation Permit Manual Changes

- 1) Delete Sections 203.1, 203.2, and 203.3.
- 2) Add the following text to Section 203:

Repetitive permits (see definition in Section 917.5) are available for any load that qualifies for a single trip permit. Permits are valid in one direction of travel only, from a single origin to a single destination. A separate permit is required for the return trip (unless the unladen vehicle is legal). The permit allows the permittee to haul an “extralegal load” as defined in Section 320.5 of the California Vehicle Code. A detailed description of the load is not required.

The initial cost of a repetitive permit is \$90.00 (as of 4/17/00). For up to one year, repetitive permits may be renewed for \$16.00 (as of 4/17/00) each time they expire. At the end of one year, the permittee must obtain a new permit for \$90.00. Original copies of repetitive permits are mailed (not faxed) to the permittee. The permittee must carry the original permit, with all required attachments, in the cab of the power unit.

Loads over 14' high - Repetitive permits for loads over 14' high are valid for a maximum of one month. The Region Manager must approve all overheight repetitive permits and may limit the duration of the permit at his/her discretion.

Legal height loads - Repetitive permits for legal height loads are valid for six months. The Region Manager may limit the duration of the permit at his/her discretion.

- 3) Delete Section 1018.4.



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